

What is claimed is:

1. A camera apparatus comprising:

a display device for displaying in a standby state for taking a picture an optical image of a subject to be
5 photographed;

a memory for storing photographing condition data for setting a photographing condition for the camera apparatus, sample images each for indicating an image of the subject corresponding to the photographing condition data, and
10 additional information data for explaining the photographing condition and contents of the sample image;

a selector for selecting one of the sample images stored in the memory in response to a selecting operation;

a photographing-condition setting unit for setting the
15 photographing condition based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the sample image selected by the selector; and

a display controller for causing the display device to display the sample image selected by the selector together with
20 the optical image of the subject in the standby state for taking a picture.

2. The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the display controller causes the display device to display the sample images stored in the memory one by one sequentially
25 together with the optical image of the subject for selection by the user, and the photographing-condition setting unit sets fresh photographing condition corresponding to the sample image

newly selected by the user in place of the previously set photographing condition.

3. The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 2, wherein the display controller causes the display device to simultaneously
5 display plural sample images to be selected together with the optical image of the subject.

4. A camera apparatus comprising:

a display device for displaying in a standby state for taking a picture an optical image of a subject to be
10 photographed;

a memory for storing photographing condition data for setting a photographing condition for the camera apparatus, sample images each for indicating an image of the subject corresponding to the photographing condition data, and
15 additional information data for explaining the photographing condition and contents of the sample image;

a selector for selecting one of the sample images stored in the memory in response to a selecting operation;

a photographing-condition setting unit for setting the
20 photographing condition based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the sample image selected by the selector; and

a display controller for causing the display device to display the additional information explaining the contents of
25 the sample image selected by the selector together with the optical image of the subject in the standby state for taking a picture.

5. The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 4, wherein the display controller causes the display device to display the plural pieces of additional information stored in the memory sequentially together with the optical image of the subject for selection by the user, and the photographing-condition setting unit sets fresh photographing condition corresponding to the additional information newly selected by the user in place of the previously set photographing condition.

6. The camera apparatus as set forth in claim 5, wherein the display controller causes the display device to simultaneously display plural pieces of additional information to be selected by the user together with the optical image of the subject.

7. A displaying method used in a camera apparatus which is provided with a display device and a memory storing photographing condition data for setting a photographing condition for the camera apparatus, sample images each for representing an image of a subject corresponding to the photographing condition data, and additional information data for explaining the photographing condition and contents of the sample image, the displaying method comprising:

displaying an optical image of the subject to be photographed on the display device in a standby state for taking a picture;

selecting one of the sample images stored in the memory in response to a selecting operation;

setting the photographing condition based on the photographing condition data corresponding to the selected

sample image; and

causing the display device to display the selected sample image together with the optical image of the subject in the standby state for taking a picture.

5 8. The displaying method as set forth in claim 7, wherein the display device causing step comprises causing the display device to display the sample images stored in the memory one by one sequentially together with the optical image of the subject for selection by the user, and the setting step
10 comprises setting fresh photographing condition corresponding to the newly selected sample image in place of the previously set photographing condition.

9. The displaying method as set forth in claim 8, wherein the display device causing step comprises causing the display
15 device to simultaneously display plural sample images to be selected together with the optical image of the subject.

10. A storage medium containing a displaying method used for a camera apparatus which is provided with a display device and a memory storing photographing condition data for setting a
20 photographing condition for the camera apparatus, sample images each for representing an image of a subject corresponding to the photographing condition data, and additional information data for explaining the photographing condition and contents of the sample image, the displaying method comprising:

25 displaying an optical image of the subject to be photographed on the display device in a standby state for taking a picture;

selecting one of the sample images stored in the memory
in response to a selecting operation;

setting the photographing condition based on the
photographing condition data corresponding to the sample image
5 selected in the selecting step; and

causing the display device to display the selected sample
image together with the optical image of the subject in the
standby state for taking a picture.

11. The storage medium containing the displaying method as
10 set forth in claim 10, wherein

the display device causing step comprises causing the display
device to display the sample images stored in the memory one
by one sequentially together with the optical image of the
subject for selection by the user, and the setting step
15 comprises setting fresh photographing condition corresponding
to the newly selected sample image in place of the previously
set photographing condition.

12. The storage medium containing the displaying method as
set forth in claim 11, wherein

20 the display device causing step comprises causing the display
device to simultaneously display plural sample images to be
selected together with the optical image of the subject.